

Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming

President's Letter ♦ Meredith Badler

Dear Smith Alumnae,

What a year we've had with the Smith Club of Colorado (SCOC)! I am proud to be part of our local vibrant Smithie community in the Rocky Mountain Region.

The biggest highlight of the past year was the resounding success of our fundraising campaign for the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund. I won't spoil the details because I want you to keep reading this newsletter, but I'll say this... it was so extraordinary, we must find a way to keep the momentum going.

So, how will we keep the momentum going? Glad you asked.

The Club will welcome Smith College President Kathy McCartney to Denver in 2018. Read on in your newsletter and save the date for our "I Love Smith" event on March 6 at the ART Hotel.

We also get to connect with the President of the Alumnae Association on a regular basis. Denver's own Susan Greene '68 is now leading the college's efforts to engage alumnae.

We will welcome Professor of Biology, Adam Hall, for College for a Day and hold a special tea on Sunday, January 7.

The Club continues to organize monthly and bi-monthly events for alumnae to connect in the Denver metro area. We encourage Smithies across the state to celebrate the outdoors in the grand Mountain Day tradition. We gather for the Annual Meeting every June and the Holiday Potluck (coming up on December 3). And that's just the beginning!

Join us in keeping the momentum going strong. Visit www.smithclubofcolorado.com to stay up to date on Club activities and events. Join our Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/smithclubco. Donate to the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund to support future Colorado Smithies. You can always contact us directly at smithclubco@gmail.com or (720) 432-4136.

We couldn't do this without your participation, membership and support. We also couldn't do this without an incredible volunteer board. Thank you to the SCOC Board for your dedicated efforts.

With gratitude and enthusiasm,
Meredith Badler '08



Fall 2017 Newsletter

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Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

We ended our last fiscal year on 6/30/17 strongly with about \$4,500.00 in the bank, after sending a \$16,153.00 check to the CDP Scholarship Fund! (See the special report on the fundraiser in this newsletter). I am pleased to report that 75 members have joined the Club and contributed \$4,475.00 in Dues and Additional Club Support so far this fiscal year, which began July 1, 2017. Club members have also contributed \$470.00 to the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund so far this fiscal year.

Dues payments keep arriving in my mailbox and via Paypal so I am hopeful that this will be a record membership year! We all know that Smithies love meeting with and getting to know other Smithies so this newsletter is a reminder to those of you who haven't joined yet to send in your dues.

Remember, 100% of your dues payment and additional contributions are deductible for tax purposes and all proceeds directly fund events for Club members. Please mail your dues form and check to me at 2030 South Humboldt St. Denver, CO 80210. Or you can pay your dues using our Paypal account, available at www.smithclubofcolorado.com. Please feel free to contact me with questions at 303-588-5453 or tanya.mathews@gmail.com.

2017-2018 Club Membership

Thank you to the alumnae sponsors who made additional donations to support Club activities and scholarships for current students. Their names are in **bold** and marked with a ***** below.

Membership dues are essential to sustaining the Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming. Dues fund engaging, educational and interactive events for alumnae throughout the year. The Club does not receive financial support from Smith College. Thank you for supporting the Club through your dues and participation.

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 Nadia Belkin '14
Barbara Benedict '55
 Diana Bowling '83
 Cameron D. Claussen '85
 Shelia Cleworth '55
 Jamy C. Coulson '62
Ann Crampton '71
 Caltha Crowe '68
 Natalia Cruz-Teixeira '02
 Katie W. Day '81
 Judith S. Denison '57
 Susan Depew '83
 Tisha Durbin Doppler '81
Jaren J. Ducker '60
 Dianne H. Ewing '63
 Shira Frank '06
Gail N. Fritzinger '81
 Martha S. Fulford '68
 Pamela A. Gemery-Hill '88
Cornelia M. Gibson '57
Melanie Grant '61
Susan Greene '68
Ellen M. Greenhouse '68

Joy Hakim '51
 Melody E. Hardy '71
Kathryn Harhai '73
 Laura Harmacek '06
Mary T. Hoagland '46
 Elisa Holland '85
 Cheryl Ann Holt-Fagan '68
Ruth A. Hopfenbeck '53
Carol Bunnell Ilvonen '71
 Julie Jones '77
Jennifer Kampanaos '90
 Jan M. Kennaugh '73
 Marian Lauterbach '72
 Cara Lawrence '93
 Mary B. Lohre '58
 Kathryn Bell MacPhail '88
 Anne Mairs '87
Ellen J. Mangione '74
 Leticia Martinez '97
 Amy Benson May '05
 Karen L. McClure '61
Victoria N. Merritts '71
 Elizabeth A. Mitchell '84
 Julia Moskowitz '14
Stephanie Motter '98J

Barbara Neal '56
 Eloise Day Noland '52
Kimberly O'Connor '96
 Edie M. Petrock '67
Diana Prieto '87
 Gudrun Rice '65
 Jennifer M. Rich '70
Roberta Ritvo '94
 Tomi-Ann Roberts '85
 Lisa H. Robinson '87
Elizabeth Rohrbough '84
 Barbara G. Schlein '62
 Erin Brenengen Semon '09
 Susan Soloyanis '72
 Diane M. Stanbro '50
Cathryn R. Stewart '78
Marcia D. Strickland '54
 Lindsay Thomas '01
 Joan D. Turner '65
 Susan B. Tyson '58
 Monica VanBuskirk '02
 Pamela G. Wakefield '77
 Suzi White '06
 Ruth E. Wight '86
 Susan Winston '66

Recruitment Report ♦ Suzi White

Colorado and Wyoming continue to have a steady flow of students, contributing to another year with a record number of total applicants to Smith College. The 2016-2017 recruiting season included 44 applicants from Colorado and 1 from Wyoming. Offers of admission were extended to 20 of those applicants and 11 chose to attend Smith.

Prior to committing to attend, admitted students gathered with alumnae for the annual Yield Party hosted by the club. Special thanks to Kim O'Connor '96 for hosting the lovely tea in her home. There was a buzz of excitement as prospective students connected with each other and alumnae. Students asked a variety of questions, giving alumnae the opportunity to reminisce fondly about their time at Smith.



The anticipation continued at the send-off party in August held at The Humble Pie Store in Denver. New first-year students, current student, parents, and alumnae were able to connect before the Colorado Smithies headed back for another academic year. As president of the Alumnae Association, Susan Greene '68 was able to welcome new students to the Smith College network.

Alumnae continue to be an important and active part of recruitment. We had 14 volunteers willing to serve this season and together they completed a total of 20 interviews with applicants. Thank you again to the volunteers that contributed to the success of this season! If you are interested in conducting interviews, please contact me at suzi.switzer@gmail.com.

Annual Meeting ♦ June 22, 2017

Our annual Club meeting was held on June 22 at our tried-and-true gathering spot of the Montclair Civic Building (The Molkey). We had a robust turnout for the meeting and a particularly engaging opportunity to hear from our guest lecturer, Smith College Professor of Economics, Randy Bartlett.

Without hesitation, the 2016 meeting minutes and new slate of board members were approved in the business portion of the meeting conducted by Meredith Badler. We received a financial update from Tanya Mathews, an admissions report from Suzi White, and a review of the previous year's events and club activities from Meredith.

SCOC was pleased to announce the results of our Clare Davis Parker Fundraising Challenge, in which we exceeded all of our goals and then some through the generous participation of Smithies.

After the official club business, Professor Randy Bartlett gave an animated lecture looking at the Trump presidency from an economic perspective in a talk called, "*Five Months into the Trump Economy: What has he been able to do so far? What does he plan going forward? What does it all mean?*" Hearing from Professor Bartlett was an extra special treat for many Smithies in attendance – he has been at Smith since 1979 and Smithies from across the decades have taken his classes, had him as advisors, or started their first 401K after attending his Women and Financial Independence lecture series. Professor Bartlett facilitated a dynamic discussion among the meeting attendees and no doubt the evening left each and every one of us nostalgic with happy memories of our time at Smith.



I Love Smith ♦ February 23, 2017



I LOVE SMITH

On Thursday, February 23, Smithies gathered at the University Club of Denver to support the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund. A convivial group of alumnae chatted over drinks and a delicious buffet supper, reminiscing on fond memories of their time at Smith. The Clare Davis Parker scholarship fund was started in 1954 by Clare Davis Parker '27 to benefit future Colorado Smithies. Betsy Parker Powell '60, Clare's daughter, challenged the Club to raise \$10,000, promising to match every dollar raised up to that amount by June 30, 2017. Unsurprisingly, Colorado Smithies went beyond the call of duty and raised well beyond the initial challenge amount.

The "I Love Smith" event served as a celebratory milestone for the fundraising campaign. We were lucky enough to be joined by Betsy and her sister Polly Parker Dodds '58, who flew in to Denver from both coasts. Melanie Grant '61 generously offered to underwrite the buffet supper and venue rental so that 100% of the proceeds benefited the scholarship fund. Betsy Hitchcock '77 designed the event logo and invitations.

Overall, it was a truly lovely evening, and a heartwarming testament to the enduring bonds and memories formed at Smith through the decades. We look forward to continuing an "I Love Smith" event going forward in an ongoing effort to support the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund. Read more about this in the fall newsletter.



An Afternoon of Bread and Chocolate ♦ May 6, 2017



Who can resist a bread and chocolate tasting? The baker's dozen of Smithies who attended the event on Saturday, May 6 certainly couldn't!

The group that gathered for a delicious pairing of fine chocolates and heirloom grain breads wasn't disappointed. Those in attendance were treated to a tour of the host facility: Hinman's Bakery in Denver's North Park Hill neighborhood. Guided by Simran Sethi '92, author of *Bread, Wine, Chocolate: The Slow Loss of Foods We Love*, the group discussed changes in food and agriculture through chocolate, bread, wine, coffee and beer. Simran, who received the Smith College Medal in 2009, was also honored by Smithsonian when her book was named one of the best food books of 2016.

Each attendee received a hardcover copy of *Bread, Wine, Chocolate*, as well as samples of bread and chocolate. Single-origin chocolates from local chocolate makers, Cultura Craft Chocolate, were paired with an array of breads selected by Simran and John Hinman, the owner of the bakery. Attendees were also treated to freshly-baked Hinman's fruit turnovers!



Rocky Mountain Day ♦ September 23 & 24, 2017

The Smith Club of Colorado (SCOC) invited Smithies from across the state to participate in the fourth year of the SCOC's annual Rocky Mountain Day. Held during the fourth weekend of September this year, alumnae enjoyed the great outdoors and shared those adventures with fellow SCOC members. Smithies sent photos to SCOC and also posted them on the SCOC's Facebook page with **#RockyMountainDay**.

Once again, taking advantage of Colorado's natural outdoor beauty, Smithies engaged in a wide range of outdoor activities across Colorado. Alumnae camped near Bellevue, Buena Vista, and Leadville; swam near Crested Butte; hiked near Durango and Kenosha Pass; and enjoyed donuts in Longmont. This was truly a great weekend to celebrate living in the Rocky Mountain region. Rocky Mountain Day was certainly a great success!

The Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming looks forward to more great shared adventures next year!



SAVE THE DATE

College for a Day ♦ January, 2018

Join over 200 local alumni for this unique and informative experience on **Monday, January 8 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at Temple Emmanuel**, 51 Grape Street, Denver. This year, **Smith Professor of Biological Sciences, Adam Hall** will be one of three professors participating in College for a Day. Your \$45 College for a Day fee covers three lectures and a delicious box lunch served with wine. Make your reservation now by contacting Ana Tolentino '85 at atolenti@aol.com or follow the link on the Evite invitation you will receive in late November.

The Club will be hosting a special tea with Professor Adam Hall on **Sunday, January 7** in the afternoon. Stay tuned for details about this opportunity to meet Professor Hall – all are welcome.

Smithie Teas Around Denver

To celebrate the spirit of the Friday afternoon tea tradition, a new group is gathering for light refreshments once a month at venues throughout the Denver metro area. This monthly tea is informal, meant to encourage conversation and help us discover common interests. Mark your calendar now for the third Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm. The venue will be different each month.

Our largest gathering this past year was for the "Global Smithie Tea" on June 25, 2017, hosted at Platform T in Denver's Baker neighborhood. We've also been to the Denver Botanic Gardens and Mercury Café.



To RSVP or to learn about each month's venue, please join the "Smithie Teas in Denver" Facebook group or write to organizer Lindsay Thomas '01 at lindsay.c.thomas@gmail.com. Please RSVP 48 hours before each event.

Smith Club Book Club

For the past two years, the Smith Club Book Club has met on the fourth Sunday of the month (with some exceptions) at 2:00 pm on a bi-monthly schedule. Meetings are held at the BookBar in North Denver's Tennyson District (4280 Tennyson Street) in a private reading room. The Book Club focuses on books (fiction and non-fiction) authored by or written about Smith women. Everyone is welcome, whether you've read the book or not. The conversations are always illuminating, convivial and wide ranging. Together, we decide on the next book selection at the conclusion of each gathering.

If you are interested in joining, contact smithclubco@gmail.com to get on the list. We frequently send reminders about the next book selection and upcoming gatherings. You can always check www.smithclubofcolorado.com for updates on the Book Club.

Book Club meeting dates for 2018 are:

- **January 28:** Book selection is *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders
- **March 25**
- **May 20** (*changed due to Memorial Day*)
- **July 22**
- **September 23**
- **November 18** (*changed due to Thanksgiving*)

Books we read in 2017...

- *A Spoonful of Sugar* by Amanda Orr '90
- *Bread, Wine, Chocolate: The Slow Loss of Foods We Love* by Simran Sethi '92
- *My Life on the Road* by Gloria Steinem '56
- *Word by Word: The Secret Life of Dictionaries* by Kory Stamper '96
- *Terrible Virtue* by Ellen Feldman, Bryn Mawr College '64, MA '67
- *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henríquez (Smith first year class reading book)

Record-Breaking Year for the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship

The Smith College Club of Colorado broke fundraising records this year for the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship, for which we raise funds each year. Club excitement was piqued when Betsy Parker Powell '60 offered a matching gift. This matching gift, combined with our "I Love Smith Event" sparked unprecedented generosity throughout the club.

Over the past 18 months, we raised \$16,153 from club members, plus an anonymous gift of \$10,000, plus Betsy Parker Powell's original match, which she increased to \$16,000 in recognition of the overwhelming response from our club members. That totaled over \$42,000 for the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund. That is nearly 20 times our typical annual contribution.



This incredible response means two things. First and foremost, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to each of our club members who contributed to this record-shattering year. Because of your generosity, we will be able to help more students get the Smith education we all were all lucky enough to experience.

The second message to take away from this year is that we need to keep this momentum going.

Not only will we be organizing another "I Love Smith" event this year, but we are thrilled to announce that our special guest for this event will be Smith College President, Kathleen McCartney. We hope that this event will inspire the excitement and generosity that we saw last year, while giving our club an opportunity to hear from and connect with President McCartney.



But before that event, and before the end of the year, we hope that our club members will consider making a gift to keep this momentum going, and continue supporting Smith students from our region who might not otherwise be able to afford a Smith education.

Our club can accept gifts of credit card through pay pal or through the Smith College Website. Checks may be mailed to Smith Club of Colorado, c/o Tanya Mathews, 2030 South Humboldt Street, Denver, CO 80210. More information about how to make a gift to support the Clare Parker Davis Scholarship can be found on our website at <http://www.smithclubofcolorado.com/>.

Thank you once again for your generosity. With your help, we can keep this up, and help even more deserving students have the Smith experience we got to enjoy!

SAVE THE DATE

I Love Smith with President McCartney ♦ March 6, 2018

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

The ART Hotel, 1201 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203

Reception at 6:00 pm. Remarks at 7:00 pm

Remarks will be delivered by Susan Greene '68, president of the alumnae association board and President McCartney, to share news from the college and the Strategic Plan.

There will be a \$25 registration fee.

More details and registration link to come early in the new year.



Update from Alumnae Association President



In October, I attended the groundbreaking for the new Neilson Library. Maya Lin, architect, President Kathy McCartney and Board of trustee Chair Debbie Duncan spoke movingly and the event attracted a large crowd from the Smith and Northampton communities.

The College is in great shape. Applications are up 21% since 2013, and admit rates are down to 37% from 42% in 2013. Smith students were awarded 17 Fulbrights last year – we're number one nationally for liberal arts colleges. We raised \$486 million for the Women for the World Campaign, handily beating our \$450 million goal. This is the largest campaign ever for a women's college. The momentum continues with \$93 million raised for FY17, the largest in our history. – *Susan Greene '68, AASC President, Trustee, Smith College*

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Join the Board!

We welcome anyone interested in serving on the Board of the Smith College Club of Colorado as a committee member, chair, or officer. We are especially interested in help with fundraising and events. The board meets approximately every two to three months. Members work collaboratively on all aspects of our events and outreach. The only requirements are Club membership, commitment, and enthusiasm!

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Website: smithclubofcolorado.com ♦ Facebook: facebook.com/groups/smithclubco

Please note that the Smith Club of Colorado will contact you by mail and email using the personal contact information you provide to the Alumnae Association. In addition to this annual newsletter, we also send out electronic invitations to all Club events. **If you are not receiving email from us, then the Alumnae Association does not have a personal email address on file for you.**

Please ensure that we can include you in all Club events by updating your information with the College. If you have recently moved or changed email addresses, be sure to update your records!

You can make changes by logging in to the Alumnae Directory at <https://smith.force.com/alumnae/login>, or by contacting the Alumnae Association directly at (413) 585-2020 or alumnae@smith.edu.

Visit <https://alumnae.smith.edu> for more information.

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